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SUBJEC: NEW PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR TO OMAN

1. THE GOP, ON MAY 19, 1978, ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF
RETIRED PAKISTAN NAVY COMMODORE ANWAR SAEED AS ITS NEW ENVOY
TO OMAN.

2. BIO DATA: SAEED, BORN IN LAHORE, PAKISTAN ON JULY 17,
1923, JOINED THE ROYAL INDIAN NAVY AS A MIDSHIPMAN IN 1943,
AFTER GRADUATING WITH HONORS FROM LAHORE'S PRESITGIOUS GOVERN-
MENT COLLEGE. DURING HIS NAVAL CAREER, SAEED HAS BEEN A
DESTROYER COMMANDER, HAS COMMANDED SEVERAL TRAINING ESTABLISH-
MENTS, INCLUDING THE PAKISTAN NAVAL ACADEMY, AND SERVED AS
PAKISTAN'S NAVAL ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON AND OTTAWA. AT THE
END OF HIS TOUR IN WASHINGTON, SAEED WAS AWARDED THE LEGION
OF MERIT BY THE US NAVY. IN 1971, HE BECAME CHAIRMAN OF THE
KARACHI PORT TRUST, AND IN 1972 HE JOINED THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS CHIEF OF PROTOCOL-A POST TRADITIONALLY
FILLED BY THE MILITARY. OMAN WILL BE HIS SECOND AMBASSA-
DORIAL ASSIGNMENT; HE HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR TO NORTH KOREA
SINCE 1974.

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3. COMMODORE SAEED HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A HARD-WORKING
EXTROVERT AND ALSO A MAN OF CONSIDERABLE INTELLIGENCE.
HE IS WESTERN-ORIENTED AND FRIENDLY TOWARDS THE UNITED
STATES. AN AVID SPORTSMAN, SAEED WAS CAPTAIN OF THE PAK-
ISTAN NAVY CRICKET TEAM FROM 1949 TO 1957 AND REPRESENTED
THE NAVY ON THE COMBINED SERVICES CRICKET TEAM FROM
1953-1957.

4. SAEED IS MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN, TWO SONS AND TWO DAUGHTERS, THE YOUNGEST OF WHOM IS NOW TWENTY-ONE. HIS WIFE IS AN ATTRACTIVE WOMAN OF KASHMIRI ORIGIN WITH CLOSE RELATIVES LIVING IN INDIAN KASHMIR. AS WITH MOST PAK MILITARY OFFICERS OF HIS AGE AND CLASS, SAEED SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY.
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